During the past year, World Vision has been able to support 382,132 Syrian Refugees, 76,190 Lebanese in need as well as 2,053 Palestinian and Iraqi refugees through our programmes in the areas of Water and Sanitation, Child Protection, Education as well as Food Security and Basic Assistance. A programme to promoting Social Cohesion has been initiated by increasing our engagement with municipalities and other government agencies, civil society partners and faith communities, and we expect this to be strengthened further in 2017.

We are thankful that contributions from a range of World Vision Support Offices as well as UN agencies and International Donors made it possible for us to implement projects with a total value of US$64.8 million during this year.

In the coming years we intend to continue supporting Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian children and families by delivering quality relief and development work, working with an increasing number of local partners and expanding in certain areas, such as northern Lebanon.

We are pleased to provide you with an overview of our programmes in 2016.

Rein Dekker
National Director
World Vision Lebanon
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40,650 people reached

**Health**

9,283 people reached

**Life Skills & Youth Empowerment**

2,201 people reached

**WASH**

69,090 people reached

**Food, Cash, & Winterisation Assistance**

295,475 people reached

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**TOTAL:** $1,040,085

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**ACTIVITIES:** Training of caregivers, teachers, and community actors in Health related topics.

**DONORS:** WV US, WV France, WV Australia, and WV Malaysia.

**TOTAL:** $228,759

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But If It Ends, How Will We Survive?

It was the first shell, which exploded in Imad and Raeda’s family land in the town of Qusair in Syria in 2011, that changed their lives dramatically. As the family gathered at the scene, a second shell struck, taking the life of Imad’s 22-year-old brother. Until then, life for 30-year-old Imad, his 26-year-old wife Raeda and their four children, including new born Maryam, had been peaceful. The death of Imad’s brother prompted the family to decide that they had to leave their hometown Qusair. Soon thereafter, they crossed the border and sought refuge in neighboring Lebanon.

The moved changed life for the family dramatically. Imad had brought some savings to Lebanon, but they soon ran out because they had to pay $150 a month for rent and electricity. They were forced to skip meals, had no freedom of movement, and no access to medical assistance for their sick children. “I felt so helpless that I once cried when my children asked me for one dollar and I didn’t have it,” Imad says.

However, the cash assistance provided by the Lebanon Cash Consortium (LCC) changed their situation. The program, funded by the DFID and ECHO, provides multi-purpose cash assistance to severely socio-economically vulnerable families through a group of six humanitarian partners, including World Vision.

Raeda heard the neighbors talking about a text message they received, saying they will be given $175 each month. “All I could do was pray and pray, not for me but for my husband and children,” recalls Raeda. She smiled, sighed, and said: “God finally answered my prayers. We received that same message a couple of days later.”

Imad was now able to pay rent and electricity, and even occasionally buy some extra food. Their newborn daughter Maryam was also able to receive the vitamins she needed. “The thought of this assistance possibly ending soon is a nightmare,” says Raeda quietly. “It makes us scared. How will we survive?”

Young people from four religious groups in Lebanon: Shiite Muslims, Sunni Muslims, Maronite Christians and Protestant Christians, participated in an inter-faith project organised by World Vision Lebanon. Through these activities, young people’s understanding of each other’s faith grew, enabling them to contribute to social stability in their communities.

World Vision’s youth committee in Ain Arab in the South of Lebanon brought fathers and mothers together and through discussions and presentations raised awareness of the effects of physical and verbal abuse on children.
World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. With more than 45,000 staff members in nearly 100 countries, World Vision is committed to working with the world’s most vulnerable people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. In Lebanon, World Vision employs 229 people.

Partners:

During programme implementation, WVL collaborated with the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. WVL also collaborated with three Academic Institutions/Universities, four National Networks, 10 INGOs through two Consortia, 33 National NGOs, 73 Municipalities, 10 Social Development Centers, 28 Primary Healthcare Centers, nine Hospitals, 74 Public Schools, 81 Private Schools, 26 Churches, eight Mosques and Muslim Institutions, 29 Youth Groups, and 12 Community Networks.

Through our long term Child Sponsorship programme, children and their families are provided with opportunities to actively participate in the development of their communities. Programme activities focus on life skills as well as child rights and child protection. This programme is supported by five of our Funding Offices who together assist 22,551 children and the hundreds of communities in which they live. This programme allows us to build long-term relationships with families, communities, schools, municipalities, faith communities and other civil society actors. It also provides a solid platform for shorter grant funded projects.

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